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FREDERICTON (CNB) -- Following is a message from Justice Minister Brad Green, Minister responsible for Aboriginal Affairs, on the occasion of National Aboriginal Day, June 21, 2001: "The Mi'kmaq and Maliseet peoples of New Brunswick form a vibrant part of the cultural and community fabric of our province. National Aboriginal Day, June 21, is a time for Aboriginal peoples to celebrate their culture, heritage and achievements and to demonstrate their creativity and spirit to all New Brunswickers.

The Government of New Brunswick is proud to be a partner with Mi'kmaq and Maliseet peoples throughout our province in a number of areas, including business development, training, education, child and family services, heritage, and cross-cultural awareness. These partnerships have resulted in greater co-operation between governments and Aboriginal communities and greater opportunities for Aboriginal New Brunswickers.

I recognize there are a number of challenges that affect relations between Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal communities and between Aboriginal communities and other levels of government.

I encourage individuals, communities and groups throughout our province to establish or strengthen relationships with Aboriginal communities and organizations. National Aboriginal Day represents an excellent opportunity to take an important first step.We must continue to work together to build greater understanding and co-operation.

I want to extend my best wishes to the Aboriginal people of New Brunswick - and to all New Brunswickers - for an enjoyable and successful National Aboriginal Day."

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